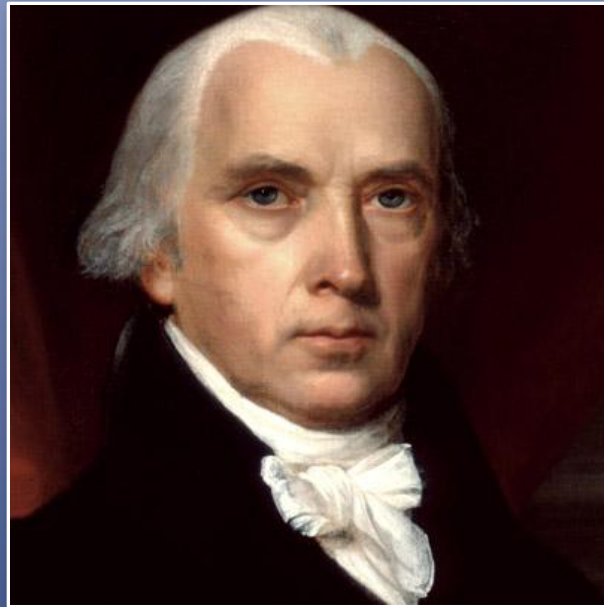


James Madison



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- Born March 1751 in Orange County, Virginia
- Attended Princeton University (College of New Jersey) where he studied law and history
- Co-authored the Virginia Constitution
- Member of the Continental Congress
- Member of the Virginia Assembly

James Madison

- Sometimes referred to as the “Father of the Constitution” and the “Father of the Bill of Rights”
- Authored the first ten amendments to the Constitution (Bill of Rights)
- Served as President Jefferson’s Secretary of State
- Elected President in 1808

The Second War of Independence

- June 18, 1812 America declares war against Great Britain. “Mr. Madison’s War” begins.



The Second War of Independence

- August 16, 1812 – William Hull surrenders Detroit to Sir Isaac Brock.
- September 1813 – Americans win the Battle of Lake Erie placing the Northwest Territory firmly in American control.

The Second War of Independence

- August 24, 1814 – British forces invade Washington, DC and burn the White House, Capitol and other government buildings.



The Second War of Independence

- September 13, 1814 – Fort McHenry (Maryland) survives a 25 hour attack by British Navy, British retreat.



The Second War of Independence

- December 24, 1814 – Peace talks conclude with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent (Belgium).



The Second War of Independence

- January 8, 1815 – British forces attack New Orleans and are defeated by Andrew Jackson's army. Neither side had received word that peace had been declared.
- February 16, 1815 – Congress ratifies the Treaty of Ghent.

James Madison

- Second term ends in March 1817
- Retired to childhood home - Montpelier in Virginia
- Assisted Thomas Jefferson in establishing the University of Virginia (1825)
- Died June 28, 1836

